

Red Lodge Area Economic Development Corp.



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TO: HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
John Sinrud, Chair

Re: SB42 Revise Economic Development Programs

The Red Lodge Area Economic Development Corporation is a MEDA Member. We, along with all members in the State of Montana who work for economic development, urge you to understand that the highest priority of our State-wide group as well as our local organization, is to remove the 2010 sunset for key economic development programs.

These programs include

- ❖ Small Business Development Centers
- ❖ Montana Manufacturing Extension Center
- ❖ Montana Board of Research and Commercialization Technology
- ❖ Montana International Trade and Relations Bureau
- ❖ Certified Regional Development Corporations
- ❖ Montana Growth through Agriculture
- ❖ Montana Cooperative Development Center

It is crucial for the 2010 sunset to be removed from these programs so that the tremendous work resulting from these programs can continue in our State and in our Area of Red Lodge and Carbon County.

Sincerely,

Brent Moore, President,
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Estelle Tafoya, Secretary,
Judy Toler, Treasurer,
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